

# Secondary Markets Update

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# Overview

#### Who We Are

- Spectrum Bridge simplify and create liquidity in Secondary Markets.
- Founded in March 2007
  - MeshNetworks Mgmt. Team
  - 100+ years wireless experience
  - Venture backed
  - 35 Employees/ Orlando, FL
- Meet growing demand for wireless applications



- Create a robust secondary market where spectrum can be dynamically traded via realtime DB certification
- Deployed first TV White Spaces Network
  - Applying for TVWS DB Certification

# The Spectrum Bridge Solution

- The first online marketplace for spectrum www.SpecEx.com
- Create a licensed experience for the unlicensed user
- Powerful platform for spectrum holders and buyers to sell or lease spectrum in a trusted environment
- Provide flexible partition/disaggregation platform creating dynamic retail packages
- Monetize idle spectrum and optimize its value by matching it to pre-qualified users

# Where We Are Today

 Step 1 - an "MLS" for spectrum licenses and an eBay/Amazon store front for buying, selling, leasing, researching and valuing spectrum

Step 2 - SmartWaves spectrum manager

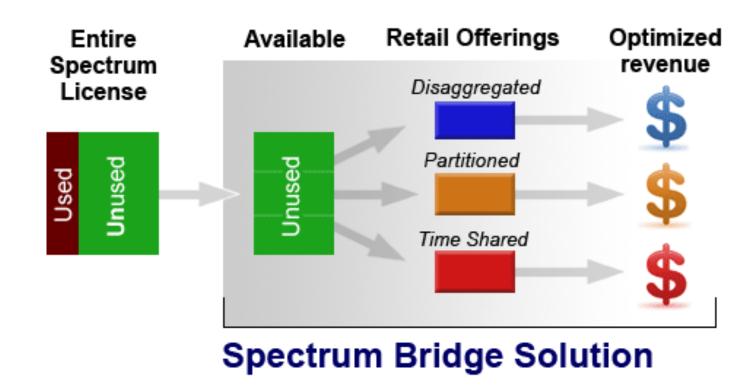


 Step 3 Data Base certification

# Spectrum Bridge Vision

Created the world's first online marketplace for dynamic spectrum access...

by disaggregating spectrum into dynamic retail transactions

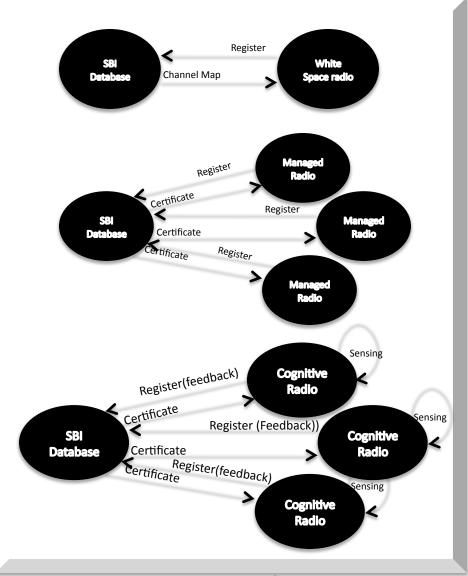


# Spectrum Bridge and White Space

- We have been developing technology related to Database Managed Spectrum Access.
  - Initially we deployed this for use in SpecEx to allow partitioning and disaggregation of spectrum
  - Now being utilized for TV White Space
  - Will evolve to the more generalized case of licensed and unlicensed spectrum
  - Incorporating SmartWaves and finalizing automatic links into radio management systems (Spectrum Certificates) provides the stepping stone to our long term vision

#### **Evolution**

- TV White Space:
   Database provides simple channel maps based on radio location, with no relationship to other radios
- Managed Spectrum Access:
   Database provides spectrum access based on knowledge of adjacent radios and use
- Dynamic Bandwidth Allocation
   Database leverages cognitive
   radio/networks to provide
   feedback on spectrum use to
   maximize efficiency



#### The Need for a Spectrum Marketplace

- Wireless innovation continues at a rapid pace driving increased demand for spectrum
- Large chunks of license holder spectrum goes unused (80% 90%)
- FCC has issued rules supporting a secondary marketplace for spectrum
- Spectrum acquisition through auction and current secondary market model is costly and complex
- Enterprise level private networks are the primary need, and are non-competitive to the carriers' business
- Without an on-line marketplace, spectrum holders and users have limited visibility to secondary market spectrum

# The Marketplace Solution

- Platform for spectrum holders and spectrum seekers to sell, or lease spectrum in a trusted environment
- Monetize idle spectrum and optimize its value by matching it to pre-qualified users
- Provide flexible partition/disaggregation platform for creating dynamic retail packages
- Tailor spectrum offerings based on user's needs (geographic, time, frequency)
- Minimize transaction costs through automated back office process

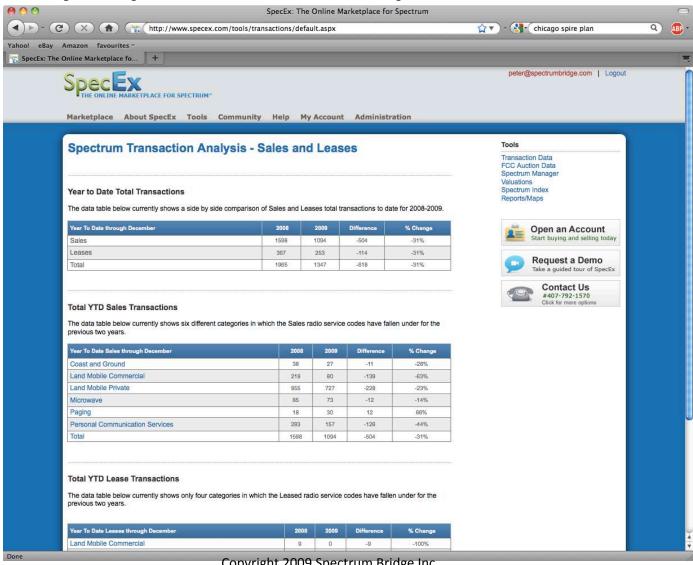


# **Transaction Analysis**

# Online analysis

- SpecEx members have access to a number of analysis and valuation tools.
- The following slides show examples of the information provided on line.

### Weekly Updates For SpecEx Members



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#### YTD License sales

#### **Total YTD Sales Transactions**

The data table below currently shows six different categories in which the Sales radio service codes have fallen under for the previous two years.

Year To Date Sales through December	2008	2009	Difference	% Change
Coast and Ground	38	27	-11	-28%
Land Mobile Commercial	219	80	-139	-63%
Land Mobile Private	955	727	-228	-23%
Microwave	85	73	-12	-14%
Paging	18	30	12	66%
Personal Communication Services	283	157	-126	-44%
Total	1598	1094	-504	-31%

## YTD leases

#### **Total YTD Lease Transactions**

The data table below currently shows only four categories in which the Leased radio service codes have fallen under for the previous two years.

Year To Date Leases through December	2008	2009	Difference	% Change
Land Mobile Commercial	9	0	-9	-100%
Land Mobile Private	3	0	-3	-100%
Microwave	37	43	6	16%
Personal Communication Services	318	210	-108	-33%
Total	367	253	-114	-31%

# Drill Down Example

 Click on a radio service code (Personal Communication Service in this example) provides the detail for YTD

Radio Service Description	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	TOTAL
AW : AWS, 1710-1755/2110-2155 MHz bands	2	6	1	13	0	1	2	2	3	3	1	34
BA : 1390-1392 MHz Band, Market Area	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
BB : 1392-1395 and 1432-1435 MHz Bands, Market Area	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
BR : Broadband Radio Service	0	3	0	0	2	3	1	0	2	3	0	14
CL : Cellular	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CN : PCS Narrowband	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	4
CW : PCS Broadband	9	0	4	2	5	2	6	10	8	8	5	61
ED : Educational Broadband Service	0	3	0	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	12
WY: 700 MHz Lower Band, Blocks A,B,E	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
WZ: 700 MHz Lower Band	4	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	19

# **Detail Analysis**

 On a customer by customer basis we can utilize the valuation capability from our SmartWaves asset management tools to provide pricing analysis.

# Pricing analysis example

- Analysis of October 2009.
- Total of 96 Sales transactions
- 27 name changes
- 50 nominal value (narrowband channel assignments via coordinator)
- 19 significant transactions

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RSC	<b>Total Estimated Pricing per RSC</b>	
AW		\$41,395,352.00
BR		\$771,938.00
СР		\$711,310.00
CW		\$11,692,159.00

- Total of 15 lease transactions
- 2 nominal value
- 13 significant transactions
- Note for leases we normalize to a "selling price"

RSC	Total Estimated Pricing per RSC	
ED		\$7,414,247.00
CW		\$18,155,860.00



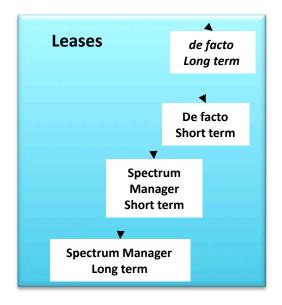
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# Perception and Reality

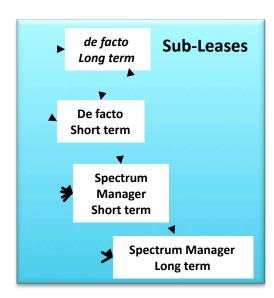
- Leasing should be simple in most cases
  - Even small things can result in lengthy delays
- Leasing should be cost effective
  - Most leases today involve significant legal input resulting in cost, and delay
- Secondary Markets are enabled by the leasing constructs.
  - We need simpler, quicker, more cost effective leasing options to enable secondary markets

# **Current Leasing Options**



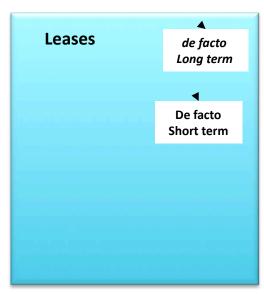


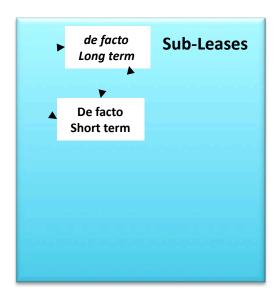




## SBIs "de facto" Leasing Options







- simple to execute
- shifts primary responsibility for compliance to user
- supports nested sub leasing

#### Wish List

- In an ideal world the solution would have
  - De facto arrangement
    - (compliance/liability responsibility with lessee)
  - Minimal fee
    - Spectrum Manager lease is \$0
  - Electronic filing
  - Notification in lieu of approval
    - Minimize approval through broader predefined limits
  - Subleasing permitted (non nested)



# **Promoting Secondary Markets**

# Perception and Reality

- Advantages and opportunity not well known and understood
  - Secondary use helps build-out compliance
- Too easy to hold on to unused spectrum
  - Build-out requirements too loosely defined
  - Need to persuade license holders to offer spectrum on the secondary market
  - Mandatory wholesale



# "Orphan Spectrum" Opportunity

# **Enabling Secondary Markets**

- We define "Orphan spectrum" as the loose ends held by the FCC
  - Left over from auctions
  - Returned to the FCC
- Most of this spectrum has service rules and clear application use (examples IVDS and Part 22 licenses returned in recent years)
- Similar spectrum already on SpecEx
- How do we leverage this spectrum to create critical mass in secondary markets?



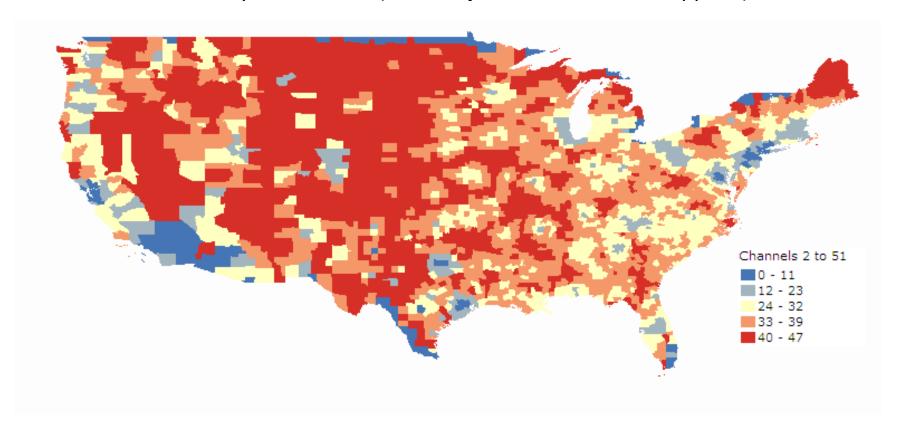
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# White Spaces Considerations

White Space is at a premium in population centers

True availability is much less (when adjacent channel rules applied)



#### Impact of the Broadband Commission

- The Commission struck a careful balance between licensed and unlicensed use of TV band spectrum for broadband by allowing licensed use (through the 700 MHz auction) and unlicensed use (white spaces).
- Any additional spectrum recovered through repacking TV stations should continue to reflect this balance.
- White spaces devices can adapt to changes in incumbent spectrum usage (such as repacking TV stations) without major regulatory changes. Therefore proposals to reclaim TV band spectrum need not, and should not, slow down the TV white spaces proceeding.